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SUBJ: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE -- DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT
RESOLUTION

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1. ON OCT 29, UK, US AND SOVIET DELOFFS (DUNCAN, NEIDLE, AND TOULINOV) MET TO WORK OUT DRAFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. DRAFT, WHICH FOLLOWS GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL, HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY SOVIET AND BRITISH DELS TO THEIR CAPITALS AND THEY EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH BROADER CONSULTATIONS IN NEXT FEW DAYS. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, WE WILL PROCEED WITH SOVIET AND UK DELS TO SEEK BROADER SUPPORT OF THIS DRAFT AS TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO NPT DEPOSITARIES. FOLLOWING PARAS CONTAIN BACK-CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUND ON SOME POINTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST REGARDING

DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT.

2. GENERAL APPROACH. UK DEL INITIALLY PREPARED DRAFT WHICH CONTAINED NUMBER OF CLAUSES PRAISING NPT AND ONE CALLING FOR WIDER ADHERENCE. BOTH US AND SOV DELOFFS FELT DRAFT SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE AND NOT PROVIDE ANY CLAUSES WHICH COULD STIMULATE CONTROVERSY IN FIRST COMITE ABOUT MERITS OF NPT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, UK DEL AGREED TO SIMPLE APPROACH AS DESCRIBED IN OUR GUIDANCE AND AS IN DRAFT SENT SEPTTEL.

3. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. UK AND SOVIET DELOFFS FELT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE FOR OUR INITIAL DRAFT TO CONTAIN A PARA WHICH NOTES THE FORMATION OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. WE AGREED WITH THEM THAT, IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPING TACTICAL SITUATION HERE, OUR CHANCES OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE GREATLY INCREASED BY TEXT WHICH SHOWS AT THE OUTSET THAT PREPARATIONS WILL NOT BE IN THE HANDS SOLELY OF THE DEPOSITARY POWERS AND THAT FORMATION OF COMMITTEE WILL BE BASED ON CONSULTATIONS. ALL THREE DELEGATIONS FELT THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO SPECIFY THAT A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE "OF THE PARTIES" IS BEING FORMED.

4. ROLE OF IAEA. UK DELOFF ARGUED IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO SPECIFY THAT UN SYG WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SERVICES "IN COOPERATION WITH IAEA." HE BELIEVED SUCH LANGUAGE COULD RAISE UNCERTAINTIES AND COMPLICATIONS ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS WHOSE BUDGET THE EXPENSES WOULD COME FROM. SOV DELOFF DESIRED SIMPLEST POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR UN SYG TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND HE DID NOT WISH TO MENTION IAEA. HOWEVER, ALL THREE DELOFFS AGREED THAT IAEA WOULD CERTAINLY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO EXACTLY WHAT THAT ROLE WILL BE, IT WAS FELT THAT MATTER COULD BE WORKED OUT LATER. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO IAEA WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PREVENT IAEA FROM PARTICIPATING IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY.

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